

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 12, 14, 15, 17, 19-28, and 30-58 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 16, 18, and 29 as follows. A marked-up version showing the amendments to the claims is included in the attached APPENDIX.

For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are presented, regardless of whether the claims is currently being amended.

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1. (Twice Amended) A user interface apparatus comprising:

- a first sensor attached to a first portion of a body of a user;
- a second sensor attached to a second portion of the user, which is different from the first portion;
- an estimating unit arranged to estimate a relative position of the second portion with respect to the first portion in accordance with results of detection by said first and second sensors;
- a generation unit arranged to generate action information on the basis of the estimated relative position;
- a determination unit arranged to determine a user instruction corresponding to the generated action information; and
- an image generating unit arranged to generate an image on the basis of said user instruction..

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first portion is a head.

3. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the second portion is a hand.

4. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first sensor detects a location and posture of the first portion.

5. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second sensor detects a location and posture of the second portion.

6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the action information includes information which pertains to a state change of the second portion with respect to a location of the first portion, and information which pertains to a location change velocity of the state change.

7. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the action information includes information which pertains to a state change of the second portion with respect to a location or a location and posture of the first portion, and information which pertains to a location change acceleration of the state change.

8. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the action information includes information which pertains to a posture of the second portion with respect to a posture of the first portion.

9. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the action information includes information which pertains to a moving direction of a location of the second portion with respect to a posture of the first portion.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
means for storing a value of the relative position of the second portion with respect to the first portion, and a plurality of state values which are defined in advance as a result of transition of the value; and
means for storing a plurality of different user instruction values corresponding to the plurality of state values.

11. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination unit decomposes the determined user instruction into a plurality of instruction operands, and outputs the operands.

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13. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a third sensor for detecting a bent angle of a finger.

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16. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a head-mounted display for displaying the image generated by said image generating unit.

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18. (Twice Amended) A user interface method for outputting a user instruction to a predetermined apparatus or program, comprising:

the step of detecting a location of a first portion of a body of a user and a location of a second portion of the user, which is different from the first portion, by using first and second sensors attached to the user;

the step of estimating a relative position of the second portion with respect to the first portion in accordance with results of detection by the first and second sensors in said detecting step;

the step of generating action information on the basis of the estimated relative position; and

the step of determining a user instruction corresponding to the generated action information and outputting the determined user instruction to the apparatus or program.

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29. (Twice Amended) A computer readable storage medium, which stores a program of a user interface method for outputting a user instruction to a predetermined apparatus or program, storing:

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a program step of detecting a location of a first portion of a body of a user and a location of a second portion of the user, which is different from the first portion, by using first and second sensors attached to the user;

a program step of estimating a relative position of the second portion with respect to the first portion in accordance with results of detection by the first and second sensors in said program step of detecting;

a program step of generating action information on the basis of the estimated relative position; and

a program step of determining a user instruction corresponding to the generated action information and outputting the determined user instruction to the apparatus or program.

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REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.